

## Bombs hit Gaza, Jerusalem

WEST JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (R). — An Arab was seriously injured when a bomb exploded in the crowded Gaza vegetable market today. The small explosive charge was attached to a delayed action device and hidden under a cart, Israeli military experts said. The market is the largest in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip. Another bomb, also believed to have been placed by Arab guerrillas, went off near Jaffa Gate in the old city of Jerusalem today. Nobody was hurt and there was no damage, police said. The blast occurred at 1 p.m. local time. Police and security forces cordoned off the area and conducted a search. No arrests were reported.

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## 700 cases of cholera in Syria

DAMASCUS, Aug. 27 (R). — An outbreak of cholera has killed 35 people in Syria, Health Minister Dr. Madani Al Khyami announced here tonight. The minister, speaking over Syrian television, said there were 700 cholera cases in the country, including the fatalities. He added that most cases were around Aleppo, in northwest Syria, and Damascus. He announced that all health and administrative authorities had been mobilised to combat the disease and prevent its spread to other cities. Health control was tightened today on a number of foodstuffs. Public swimming pools were closed and health regulations were imposed on restaurants and public places.

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## Carter hints U.S. may run out of patience if M.E. stalemate goes on

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R). — President Carter said today that unless all of the parties involved in the Middle East conflict demonstrated that they genuinely wanted a comprehensive settlement, "I doubt that our government could continue to spend as much time and effort... on a continuing basis."

President Carter however continued to voice optimism on the chances of progress toward peace in the Middle East and added that any country which stood in the way would suffer worldwide condemnation.

The president made the remarks at a press conference for visiting newsmen yesterday and made public today.

He said he had found a growing impatience among European and other countries at the lack of progress and, "I think that any nation in the Middle East that proved to be intransigent or an obstacle to progress would suffer... the condemnation of the rest of the world."

The president maintained that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's recent round of Middle East diplomacy was "very successful."

The secretary found "a much more compatible relationship among Arab leaders," Mr. Carter said. "I think we still have a chance for progress there." He pledged to maintain an aggressive search for peace in the region, "but I have to say there is going to be a great deal of disillusionment on our part and around the world if some progress is not demonstrated within this year."

### Japan, India condemn Israeli acts

In Amman, the Jordan News Agency reported that Japan had told Jordan it condemned the Israeli decision to allow new Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territories and extend Israeli services to those territories.

The agency said that the Japanese Ambassador to Jordan, Mino Tsuchiya, delivered today a memorandum to Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, describing the Israeli decision as "an undesirable step."

The memorandum said: "The Israeli decision is a new obstacle hindering extensive efforts exerted by the United States in order to achieve a just and lasting settlement to the conflict in the Middle East." JNA said the memorandum expressed the Japanese government's concern over the Israeli decision to extend Israeli services to the Arabs and said

that the Japanese government "thinks that this decision gives the impression that Israel intends to occupy the West Bank and Gaza Strip permanently."

In New Delhi, a Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman said today that India strongly deplored the Israeli decision to authorize new Jewish settlements in occupied territories and extend Israeli services to those territories.

"This is not only contrary to international opinion but goes against the efforts being made towards a search for a lasting solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," he said.

The spokesman said that India "cannot but also view with scepticism the claim that only humanitarian considerations have motivated the government of Israel's decision to extend Israeli public services to Arabs in the West Bank."

### Israel not surprised at PNC decision

In West Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Ministry officials said today the refusal of Palestinian leaders to accept United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 -- which recognises Israel's right to exist -- showed that the Palestine Liberation Organisation had not changed its policy.

The officials told journalists that the hard line expressed at the Damascus meeting last Thursday of the Palestinian Central Council (PNC) came as no surprise.

They said that for more than a year there had been reports, from the Palestine Liberation Organisation and other sources, that the PLO was ready for a more conciliatory attitude and might accept Resolution 242 which was adopted at the U.N. in November 1967.

It now seemed clear that the PLO could not abandon its basic goal of destroying Israel, the officials said.

Privately, some Israeli officials admitted that any major PLO compromise on its terms for entering peace talks could have been awkward for Israel.

In both public and private utterances lately, Israeli leaders have shown themselves increasingly rattled at international attempts to coax the PLO into the negotiating fold.

"If these efforts to woo the PLO continue then there is a real danger that peace negotiations could run into a dead end," one official told Reuters.

Israelis hoped that the hard-line taken by the PLO might dissuade the United States from courting the Palestinians.

## Arafat in Cairo after Saudi Arabia, will fly to Moscow

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (R). — The Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation Yasser Arafat arrived here today from Taif, Saudi Arabia, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

He is to attend a high level Libyan-Egyptian meeting to resolve the dispute between the two countries at the border town of Salloum, official Palestinian sources said tonight.

In Taif, Mr. Arafat held talks with King Khaled and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

In a statement to the Saudi News Agency before leaving Taif, Mr. Arafat said his talks there were within the framework of consultations between the PLO and Arab leaders on the Middle East situation including the Palestine issue.

The sources said Mr. Arafat is expected to leave Cairo for Salloum within the next few hours accompanied by the Egyptian delegation to the meeting.

A Libyan delegation is also expected there shortly accompanied by Mr. Abu Tarek, representative of the main Fatah Palestine commando organisation in the Libyan Jamahiriya.

The sources declined to give the composition of the two delegations but said they are likely to be at ministerial level.

It was due to Mr. Arafat's efforts that prisoners of war between the two neighbouring Arab countries were exchanged last week.

The sources were unable to predict the duration of the Salloum talks. They said army officers from the two sides are also likely to be present.

Meanwhile Palestinian sources in Moscow said today that Mr. Arafat could be arriving in the Soviet capital in the next three days for a visit lasting five days at the most.

Mr. Arafat, who will be accompanied by a four-man PLO delegation, will hold talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and may also meet Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, the sources said.

## Begin spends quiet sabbath urging Jews to emigrate

VIENNA, Aug. 27 (R). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, on an official visit to Romania, had a rest day today on the Jewish sabbath and attended a service at the Bucharest synagogue, when he told Jews in Romania that Israel was open to any Jew wishing to go there.

Mr. Begin said: "I bring the greetings of the land of Israel to our brothers and sisters. The land of Israel is open to all Jews, for we are today no longer a people without a homeland, a people lacking in strength, a people without a flag."

Yesterday Mr. Begin had talks with President Nicolae



WELCOME -- South African Prime Minister John Vorster (right) welcomes his Rhodesian counterpart Ian Smith to Pretoria Saturday for talks on a Rhodesian settlement. (AP wirephoto).

## African "front-line" leaders tell Western envoys Smith must go

LUSAKA, Aug. 27 (R). — Black Africa's "front-line" leaders told American and British peace envoys today that Rhodesia's white-led army must be dismantled and Premier Ian Smith must resign as part of any settlement to bring peace to embattled Rhodesia.

"Smith... and his army must go," Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere told a press conference.

He spoke after talks at which British Foreign Secretary David Owen and U.S. envoy Andrew Young met black nationalist guerrilla chiefs and the leaders of the 5 front-line African states supporting them.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda meanwhile forecast that his country will face air raids from the Rhodesians within 10 days. He cited "accurate military intelligence" and de-

clared to a press conference: "If they (the Rhodesians) want to have a show of air power, we will have that show."

The Zambian air force has received an undisclosed number of planes from Eastern Europe.

President Nyerere, emphasising the goal of seeing Mr. Smith quit, told reporters after the meetings:

"We are saying we will accept the Anglo-American proposals if they are aimed at helping us achieve this objective."

Mr. Smith has already said he will reject any proposals providing for his resignation or the dismantling of his army.

The latest Anglo-American mission, less than a day old, now faces a major public dispute between blacks and whites. The new peace bid could well end as inconclusively as its predecessors.

Dr. Owen and Mr. Young gave a detailed account of their proposals when they met the presidents today, but declined to say later whether progress had been made. Nationalist guerrilla leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo, who met the Western officials separately this morning, also joined the summit later this afternoon.

Informed sources said the latest Anglo-American initiative had "not won the full approval" of the leaders of Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Botswana and Angola today.

There have been no public accounts so far of the latest Western proposals. Informed sources have said they provide for a phased operation to replace the white-led Rhodesian army with a new army of Zimbabwe.

An international peace-keeping force under a British resident commissioner would be responsible for law and order during the territory's switch from white to government by elected representatives of its six million blacks.

President Nyerere said: "We cannot accept an agreement that will line up the Smith army and ask them to take an oath of allegiance." But he said the mechanics of dismantling Mr. Smith's army "can be discussed", apparently holding out the prospect of further negotiations on the exact manner in which this objective is achieved.

He indicated that a replacement army would be drawn from the ranks of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance led by Mr. Mugabe and Mr. Nkomo, who were seated behind the president at today's press conference.

## Vance returns to U.S. from dull but necessary visit to Peking

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R). — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance today returned seemingly empty-handed from Peking where he made the Carter administration's first top-level contact with the new Chinese leadership.

President Jimmy Carter met Mr. Vance at the airport, a gesture indicative of the importance attached to the talks by the president.

Judging by accounts of his 10 hours of talks in Peking, Mr. Vance will have no progress to report to Mr. Carter on America's stated policy of establishing normal diplomatic relations instead of the present arrangement whereby "liaison missions" are maintained, rather than full-fledged embassies.

Although the Chinese seemed pleased to have made contact with Mr. Carter's government -- and Mr. Vance called his talks "very good, useful and instructive" -- Peking clearly reiterated that normalisation could only follow rupture of U.S. diplomatic and military links with Taiwan.

"Exploratory" was the word U.S. officials travelling with Mr. Vance stuck with, to characterise the trip.

Reuters correspondent in Peking Ian Mackenzie reported today that one seasoned analyst there used the phrase "dull but necessary".

Mr. Vance had established contact with Mao Tse-tung's successor, Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, and Peking diplomats felt

the Chinese response to the trip had at least been encouraging.

Mackenzie's despatch noted that, as the two-and-a-half days of talks proceeded, the Chinese seemed to step up the tempo, bringing in newly rehabilitated Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-peng for the most important session.

Chairman Hua also gave Mr. Vance an unusually warm welcome, and picked up the way the tag "exploratory" was being banded about.

"It might be good for us to do some exploring," Chairman Hua told the Americans. "I also think it good for the new Carter administration to explore China's point of view, to get to know the new leaders in China and the situation in China."

But diplomats in Peking expected no major early change in Sino-American relations -- there was no sign the U.S. had made any progress finding a formula to satisfy China's demand for its unconditional disengagement from Taiwan.

The Chinese agreed that normalisation would be good for the peoples of the two countries and of the world, but left no room for doubt that Taiwan is the obstacle.

Chairman Hua, in his report to the 11th Communist Party Congress, which ended as Mr. Vance flew to Peking, said:

"If relations between the two countries are to be normalised, the United States must sever its so-called diplomatic relations with the Chiang clique, withdraw all its armed forces

and military installations from Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits area and abrogate its so-called 'mutual defence treaty' with the Chiang clique."

"Chiang clique" is a reference to the Nationalist Chinese government of Premier Chiang Ching-kuo, son of the late Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who retreated to Taiwan after his armies were defeated by Mao's forces in 1949.

Chairman Hua also said: "Taiwan province is China's sacred territory. We are determined to liberate Taiwan. When and how is China's internal affair, which brooks no foreign interference whatsoever."

Chairman Hua's speech, published in the Communist Party newspaper Jenmin Jih Pao, was made public on the day Mr. Vance arrived in Peking.

The secretary of state evidently did not secure any assurances from the Chinese that they would not try to take Taiwan by force.

Mr. Vance conferred with Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda in Tokyo where he flew after completing his mission in China.

Mr. Vance said his visit to Peking had not been intended to result in a "final solution" to the normalisation of relations between China and the U.S.

He told Mr. Fukuda his talks with Chinese leaders had also ranged over such subjects as the internal political scene in the U.S., the Middle East, the withdrawal of American troops from South Korea, and African and European problems.

## Threatens to review ties with state

# Lebanese Front calls for expulsion of all Palestinians

BEIRUT, Aug. 27 (Agencies). — The rightwing Lebanese Front today demanded that Palestinians living in Lebanon be expelled and sent to other countries belonging to the Arab League.

This was necessary, the front warned, because fighting in southern Lebanon between the rightists and leftwing Lebanese and their Palestinian allies "will not end until the Palestinians leave the south."

The Lebanese Front issued the statement, after a three-day closed meeting in the northern resort of Ehden, blaming the Palestinians for the flight of people from the south and accusing them of obstructing the economy.

The rightwing leaders summoned their militia chiefs to the talks yesterday after telling the government they would act on their own if it failed to take steps to ensure peace in the Chouf area, south of Beirut, where 11 people were reported killed in sectarian fighting last weekend.

Fighting has continued in southern Lebanon between the rightists and a Palestinian-leftist alliance after ending in other parts of the country last November.

The rightists also called for the publication of the Choutra agreement, on bringing peace

to the area, concluded last month by senior Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian officials.

The front said today it had "put under study its future relationship with the Lebanese state."

Leading members of the front are former Presidents Camille Chamoun and Suleiman Franjeh, Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayel, and Father Charles Qassis, head of the extremist Guardians of the Cedars.

The statement also called on the Lebanese authorities to investigate "the movements of boats which continue to unload arms and munitions in the port of Tyre (in southern Lebanon) which do not come under the control of the state."

The front complained that Lebanese "are not treated on the same footing as the Palestinian aggressors" by the mainly Syrian Arab League peace-keeping force which has been in Lebanon for almost a year.

The front statement said it had been noteworthy that members of the peace-keeping force were to be found in the mainly Moslem Basta quarter of west Beirut and in Achrafieh, a Christian quarter of east Beirut, but that there was no trace to be seen of members of the force in the Palestinian camps at Sabra and Chatila, south of the capital.

The front paid tribute to the "noble" mission of the Arab League force, but drew the attention of its commanders to what it described as "abuses" committed by some members of the force.

These occurred daily and "sometimes took on the aspect of veritable acts of aggression," the front charged.

### Mayor killed by Israeli shelling

The mayor of Bint Jbeil, the last town still in leftist Moslem hands in southern Lebanon close to the Israeli border, was killed earlier this week during an Israeli artillery bombardment of the region, it was learned in Beirut yesterday.

A Lebanese member of parliament said Krayem Farajeh, 60, was killed at a village near Bint Jbeil and that five persons with him were wounded.

Bint Jbeil has been sporadically shelled by Lebanese rightist and Israeli shelling during daily exchanges of fire.

The town, which had a population of about 30,000 before the war in Lebanon, now has only 500 inhabitants today, the member of parliament said. Fifty persons have been killed there by shelling since the beginning of this year.

## Somali liberation leader claims proof of Cuban help for Ethiopia

BEIRUT, Aug. 27 (R). — The leader of the Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF) was quoted today as saying the front had proof that Cuba was directly helping the Ethiopian army.

### Somali president to visit Moscow

CAIRO, Aug. 27 (R). — President Mohammad Siad Barre of Somalia will visit the Soviet Union next week, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) said tonight.

The agency said President Siad Barre would make a 24-hour stop-over in Cairo tomorrow for talks with Egyptian leaders before going on to Moscow.

Mr. Abdullah Hassan also told the Mogadishu correspondent of Arab and international An Nahar, published in Paris and distributed in Beirut, that the front had liberated "90 per cent of the land disputed with Ethiopia."

"Fidel Castro (the Cuban leader) wanted to mediate," Mr. Hassan said, "but he does not have the freedom of action because he is Ethiopia's ally. He was not in touch with us because Ethiopia claims we do not exist."

Mr. Hassan said the front had no proof of direct Soviet participation in the fighting with Ethiopian troops.

"But its participation has been with the weapons which Moscow supplies to the Ethiopian side, as well as military experts who are in the ranks of the Ethiopian army," he added.

Ethiopia has charged that

Iraqi and Syrian pilots are fighting with Somali forces, and last night Addis Ababa radio alleged Somalia had requested "a total Arab military intervention" against Ethiopia.

Meanwhile, Ethiopian radio said tonight that Ethiopian forces had killed 127 Somalis in fighting in Bale Province, southeast of Addis Ababa.

The broadcast, monitored in Nairobi, said Ethiopian troops and militia wounded 40 more Somalis, seized large quantities of arms and ammunition and destroyed "enemy hideouts" at seven different locations.

The WSLF said last week that 988 Ethiopians had been killed in fighting in Bale Province.

The WSLF communique mentioned five clashes around the towns of Goba and Ginir, which are just 240 kms. from Addis Ababa. This is the closest the month-long war has come to the Ethiopian capital.



BEATINGS -- Somalis in Ethiopian uniforms are beaten by villagers of Gode in a re-run of the taking of the area by Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) forces for a group of journalists, who entered the region at the invitation of WSLF guerrillas. (AP wirephoto).

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## Transport projects come under examination

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan presided over a meeting at the Ministry of Transport Saturday to review the projects under implementation by the ministry and its affiliated departments.

The Crown Prince stressed the need for the speedy implementation of all projects and expressed an interest in the questions of internal and international overland transport. The meeting was attended by Minister of Transport Ali S'heimat, his under-secretary and department heads.

## Red Crescent head leaves for law meet

AMMAN (JNA). — The president of the Jordanian Red Crescent Society left for Rome Saturday to participate in a conference in San Remo on Aug. 30. The conference, called by the International Humane Law Association, will try to ensure that the world community signs and enforces the new protocols of the Geneva conventions.

### Education meet...

A delegation headed by Education Minister Abdul Salam Majali leaves for Geneva Monday to participate in the UNESCO-sponsored annual international education conference there on Aug. 30.

The nine-day meeting will discuss present education policies and reforms, as well as the links between education and development.

## NATIONAL NOTES

\* AMMAN. — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim received the Chilean, Romanian and Swiss ambassadors here Saturday.

\* AMMAN. — The Ministry of Industry and Commerce is preparing the draft for a commercial cooperation agreement between Jordan and Poland in implementation of the memorandum of understanding concluded last year.

\* AMMAN. — Governor of Jerusalem Anwar Al Khatib and Mrs. Al Khatib have arrived here after a short holiday in London. They are expected to leave for Jerusalem Sunday.

\* AMMAN. — The Director of the Jordanian Information Centre in Washington, Dr. Akram Barakat, arrived here Thursday to discuss the centre's affairs with Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh.



The captains of the Syrian and Jordanian military handball teams exchange pendants before their game at Al Hussein Youth City Friday evening. The Jordanian team won the game 21-16.

## 3 companies added to Arab boycott list

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of Finance and Customs Dr. Mohammad Dabbas ordered three American, Italian and Hong Kong companies to be placed on the blacklist for contravening the Arab boycott against Israel.

The minister also decided to blacklist four ships of different nationalities. At the same time, he lifted four companies and five ships from the blacklist after they agreed to act in accordance with boycott regulations.

## University head leaves on 10-day Europe tour

IRBID (JNA). — The President of Yarmouk University, Dr. Adnan Badran, left on a 10-day European tour Saturday to discuss cooperation between European universities and Yarmouk University.

Prior to his departure, Dr. Badran said that he will also look over regulations adopted by European universities.

Dr. Badran said that he will visit the United States from Sept. 6 at the invitation of a number of university deans there. During this two-week visit, he will discuss ways to consolidate cooperation with American universities.

Meanwhile, President of the University of Jordan Dr. Ishaq Farhan Saturday received a student delegation from the University of Kuwait, which presented him with an oil painting of His Majesty King Hussein by a Kuwaiti student. Dr. Farhan presented his university's shield to the Kuwaiti delegation in recognition of the cooperation existing between the two universities.

A group of Kuwaiti students will complete studies here at the end of August.

## Measures taken to prevent cholera spread from Syria

AMMAN (JNA). — The under-secretary at the Health Ministry has affirmed that Jordan is free of cholera.

He said several meetings were held this month to discuss ways of preventing cholera from spreading into Jordan from neighbouring Arab countries.

The meetings resulted in precautionary measures to provide sufficient quantities of chlorine disinfectant to meet any emergency; to maintain clean water, including that from wells and streams; and to ensure that plants and vegetables washed by Amman's purification station are safe for human consumption.

The Pilgrims' Centre at Sch-neller will be provided with all sanitary services to accommodate pilgrims passing through Jordan on their way to Saudi Arabia.

The under-secretary said that because cholera had appeared in Syria, the Jordanian director of preventive medicine would go to Damascus to look into the number of casualties and the extent of the outbreak.

He will also discuss dangers from foodstuffs exported to Jordan from cholera-infected areas in Syria.

The health ministry official said that vaccination against cholera is not obligatory.

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Prison sentences ranging between one and four months and fines between JD 50 and JD 100 will be imposed on persons violating this regulation, he added.

Duties will also be levied on all vehicles transporting merchandise to help the ministry finance its road maintenance programme.

A duty of 0.4 per cent of the value of the goods transported will be levied on a vehicle for each trip it makes on condition that the total amount levied on each vehicle does not exceed JD 200 per trip Mr. Bino said.

As for foreign lorries entering or in transit through Jordan, the law imposes a duty ranging from JD 5 to JD 10 per empty vehicle depending on size and JD 15 to JD 25 on each loaded vehicle also depending on size.

## Public works minister rates Overloaded lorries in for heavy fines

AMMAN (JNA). — The government has decided to implement a number of proposals by the Jordanian, Syrian and Iraqi public works ministers to prevent overloaded lorries damaging Jordan's roads, Minister of Public Works Said Bino said Saturday.

Mr. Bino, who held a press conference at the Ministry of Public Works Saturday morning to explain the decisions taken earlier this month stated that they will come into effect on Jan. 1, 1978 after Cabinet ratification.

The government will inform the Arab League, Arab countries and pertinent international freight companies of the resolutions adopted, Mr. Bino said.

Any lorry exceeding the weight limit of 12 tons will be liable to legal action, Mr. Bino said. The government intends to strictly enforce the overland transport law to prevent Jordan's roads being damaged, he added.

A JD 5 fine will be imposed for every additional ton in excess of the 12 permitted, whether the lorry is local or foreign-owned.

Talking about road maintenance, the minister said that the law compels any company or individual to obtain written permission from the regional director of public works to carry out works such as pipe laying and installation beneath or above the road, Mr. Bino said.

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## Telecomms. seminars to be held here

AMMAN (JNA). — The Director General of the Telecommunications Corporation, Mr. Mohammad Shahed Ismail, stated Saturday that agreement has been reached with the International Telecommunications Union to hold two regional seminars in Amman.

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## Free zones come under discussion

AMMAN (JNA). — Finance Minister Dr. Mohammad Dabbas Saturday outlined to the Administrative Council of the Free Zone Corporation the results of his visit to Iraq, where an agreement was reached for Iraq to hire 50 dunums of free zone land in Aqaba to store commodities.

The council also discussed an offer by a European shipping company to run a sea route between European ports and Aqaba for containers heading for Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states.

## A costly blunder?

The Palestinian Central Council may have just made a costly blunder. Justly peeved by Israeli moves in the West Bank which carry the hallmark of an annexationist policy, suspicious that the PLO is going to be squeezed out of any peace settlement and deeply disappointed by the United States' inaction or inability to restrain Mr. Menachem Begin's overweening latter day Messianism, the PCC has refused to come forward with the much awaited gesture relating to Security Council Resolution 242.

Despite repeated signals from Washington that acceptance of Resolution 242 by the PLO -- with provisos concerning Palestinian rights -- would arm the Carter administration with a powerful tool of pressure to force concessions out of the recalcitrant Israeli government, the PCC has turned thumbs down on the whole business, at least for now.

Israel would have clearly been embarrassed, stripped of world sympathy and would certainly have found itself in a corner if the PCC had recommended conditional acceptance of Resolution 242 and the move were endorsed by the National Council. Either the Carter administration with a powerful tool of pressure to force concessions out of the recalcitrant Israeli government, the PCC has turned thumbs down on the whole business, at least for now.

At any rate, Mr. Khaled Fahoum, Chairman of the Palestinian National Council, announced following the Central Council's meeting in Damascus that the PCC would be meeting again within two or three weeks, hinting that the Palestinians might change their minds if some practical concessions were made by the other side in the meantime. Such a meeting might take place after the United Nations General Assembly reconvenes next month.

All that is well and good, except that it shows the Palestinians are bad at playing the game. The trick is to convince the world of one's readiness for peace and sit back and wait for concessions from the other side. The PCC is approaching the matter backwards, having worked itself into a corner where everyone will be demanding concessions from the Palestinians now. It is only Mr. Begin's maladroitness that makes the international community want to give the PLO the benefit of the doubt.

The PLO is helping to squeeze itself out of the peacemaking process and might leave its Arab allies with two equally unpalatable options: striking limited bilateral agreements with Israel, along the lines of Sinai II, or going to war. The PCC has embarrassed its allies and left Israel in the clear.

It would have made much more sense for the PCC to express a qualified willingness to accept Resolution 242 along the lines put forward by the Palestine News Agency (Wafa) on Aug. 9, i.e., with assurances that the Palestinians have the right to self-determination, national independence and sovereignty and an "inalienable right to return to their homes." This would have brought the list of Palestinian demands close to the provisions of General Assembly Resolution 2336, which the PCC is now asking for, but would have made clear the PCC's tacit willingness to live in peace with Israel if these demands are satisfied. Such a list might not be acceptable by the Israelis, but the demands themselves are just and speak eloquently for themselves. That is a far cry from simply saying no, and the ball would have been in the Israeli court, where it belongs.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR, on Saturday, wondered at the Israeli reception of the decisions taken by the Palestinian Central Council (PCC) which it referred to them as "hard line" and was even jubilant about that. The PCC could take no other decisions as long as Israel refuses to recognise the existence of the Palestinian people, rejects the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in the Geneva peace conference, considers occupied Palestinian land as "liberated" Israeli territories and carries out a plan to annex the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

AL SHA'B commented on His Majesty King Hussein's interview published Thursday in the Parisian Arabic-language newspaper Al Watan Al Arabi. The King said that the Arabs are facing conditions of disintegration similar to the ones prevailing prior to the 1967 war. Although the Arabs enjoy a greater amount of support and interest in the international arena now, the Arab striking force is much weaker than the Israeli, which is supplied by unlimited financial aid from Jewish communities all around the world. It is for these reasons that His Majesty emphasised the need for the

Arabs to concentrate all their efforts to help the confrontation states build up their potential, military as well as political, in order to face up to the impending Israeli challenge.

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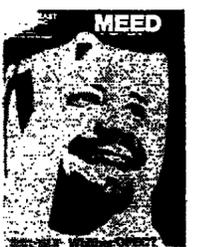
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# Can man reverse the trend of the expanding desert ?

By Uvedale Tristram

LONDON (Gemin) — The arid lands, home for one human being in eight, cover one-third of the earth's surface. Deserts are expanding everywhere. During the past 60 years, the southern confines of the Sahara have been advancing at between 1.5 and 10 kilometres a year.

Mostly this is caused by overgrazing and the practice of burning pasture to obtain rapid new growth.

In Chile the droughts of the Atacama Desert at a rate of about 2.5 kms. a year along a front varying from 80 to 100 kms. The Thar Desert in India and Pakistan has in places been spreading outwards by one km. a year for the past fifty years.

During the last half century over six per cent of the world's land has been degraded to desert or semi-desert as a result of human mismanagement — equal to nearly half the area of South America.

Opening in Nairobi, Kenya on Aug. 29 is a first major attempt to reverse the desert's advance — the United Nations Conference on Desertification (UNCOD). Under consideration will be a plan of action designed to link national schemes to "re-green" deserts through-

out the world. It is proposed that the plan start in 1978 and be implemented by the end of the century. At the same time, it is recognised it will take many generations for parts of the plan to become fully effective.

The march of the desert affects every nation, not only those on the desert frontiers. The reduction of food production which results when fertile land is swallowed by deserts reduces food supplies throughout the world. Crop failures can lead not only to famine but to social unrest and even to war.

Delegates at the conference will stress the responsibility of the technologically advanced countries to promote and finance research into desert problems.

Among the proposals in the Action Plan is the creation of national desertification task forces. The plan will suggest the early formulation of new population and water use strategies for desert zones.

It will propose an international scheme for monitoring the deserts from space as part of the existing Environmental Monitoring System.

Other items include the integration of domestic livestock and wildlife management; a single co-ordinating centre for existing desert research stations; new methods of reducing

conflicts between nomads and settled peoples; better grazing control on rangelands; a single coordinating centre for existing desert research stations; revegetation and reafforestation schemes; stabilisation of shifting sand dunes; and a new effort to predict and analyse climatic changes.

The measure of the conference's success will be the extent to which ill-advised policies and activities of governments and communities can be modified.

For example, Upper Volta, seriously threatened by the advancing Sahara and crippled by the great Sahel drought of recent years is agriculturally over-exploited and should reduce the number of its cattle.

The country's official development plan appears to ignore this need. It calls for a vast expansion of both human and cattle populations over the next 30 years in combination with the building of a modern consumer economy. The conference will see a world map showing how much plant cover has been lost through desert invasion of crop and grazing lands and by man's misuse of vulnerable areas.

The map, prepared mainly as a result of satellite surveys, will show changes which indicate that food losses caused by the progress of the

deserts could be as high as 30 million tons of grain a year.

Delegates are likely to accept the pessimistic forecasts of the World Food Council that chronic hunger and malnutrition, now affecting over one billion people, will persist at least until the end of the century.

The calling of the conference sounds a crisis warning. At the same time, it must be recognised that future action will have to build on present efforts and these are considerable.

The heartlands of the greater deserts seem unlikely to be touched in the present state of scientific knowledge. On the

argins of the deserts the picture is brighter. Men are turning the fringes green.

Carefully controlled schemes of irrigation, well digging and reafforestation are being successfully implemented in many areas. In some countries, controlled grazing by domestic or wild stock is substantially improving vegetative cover.

Protection from overgrazing has led to dramatic improvements in desert vegetation. The building of fences and windbreaks has brought an impressive return of grass pasture to enclosures near Omurman in Sudan and to parts of Turkey.

Another desert defence, highly successful in Libya, Somalia and Yemen, is dune stabilisation by oil-emulsion spraying and by the planting of brushwood and grass in ditches in the sand.

Reafforestation is bringing a barrier which retains moisture in the surface soil. In countries like Libya, where crude bitumen is cheap and easily obtainable, this is a promising technique.

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Until these are achieved, much can be done in the delicate but vital field of land reform and to provide better facilities for health care, nutrition, education and employment for those who live in the arid lands.

There has been an interesting experiment near Tripoli, Libya, where a 5mm. layer of asphalt at 106 degrees F. has been laid 25 cms. below the sand surface.

This leaves an impervious barrier which retains moisture in the surface soil. In countries like Libya, where crude bitumen is cheap and easily obtainable, this is a promising technique.

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## Holland's tattered prince makes a come-back

By John Morrison

THE HAGUE (R). — A year after being publicly disgraced by a government inquiry into the Lockheed bribes scandal, Prince Bernhard has made a partial comeback in the eyes of Holland's fiercely royalist public.

A fresh white carnation, the prince's personal trademark, still pokes jauntily from his lapel, though the days when he would more often appear in a glittering military uniform have gone for good.

The uniforms are now gathering dust in a wardrobe, part of the price Prince Bernhard paid when he agreed to resign all his many military and business positions, including that of inspector general of the Dutch armed forces.

The shockwaves of Aug. 26 last year, the day the bombshell dropped on an incredulous nation, have passed away with surprising speed, leaving Prince Bernhard to find himself a new role in a strange limbo between complete disgrace and complete rehabilitation.

The conclusions of the three-man inquiry, presented to Parliament by Prime Minister Joop den Uyl, were more damning to the debarred prince than anyone had feared.

The report found no conclusive evidence that the prince actually received over \$1 million in payoffs from Lockheed, but uncovered a wealth of

damaging material about his contacts with the U.S. aircraft corporation.

Mr. Den Uyl told Parliament that the prince had harmed the interests of the nation and "shown himself open to dishonourable favours and offers."

"Prince Bernhard has become involved in relationships and situations which are unacceptable," he commented bleakly.

The government, unwilling to risk provoking Queen Juliana into abdication and causing a constitutional crisis, stopped short of starting criminal proceedings against the German-born prince, a decision which only two members of the 150-seat Parliament opposed.

But the blow to the prestige not just of Prince Bernhard but to that of the royal House of Orange cut deep. It looked as though Prince Bernhard might have to live out the rest of his career in Nixonlike oblivion. And many people expected the queen to step down, after a decent interval of a few months, in favour of her daughter Beatrix.

In practice things have turned out differently. Bernhard himself slipped out of public view for several months. But over the past six months he has gradually re-emerged on the public stage.

The last legal threat from the Lockheed affair vanished in July, when an Amsterdam court rejected an attempt by five Dutchmen to bring a private

prosecution against the prince, ruling that he could be pursued only under military law.

The prince's public duties are now a painful comedown for a dynamic man who once said he felt too intelligent to go around cutting ribbons.

Deprived of his military functions and forced to resign his directorships of powerful Dutch companies, Prince Bernhard's duties are now more or less the same as those of less controversial princes around the world — opening bridges, attending film premieres and listening to speeches.

A somewhat mistrustful cabinet now keeps a watchful eye on his activities, and his real power has melted away.

But despite the change in style the prince's engagement diary is full and it is obvious that the majority of the Dutch public, certainly the conservative half, has decided to forgive him.

In June the Dutch Exporters' Association awarded the prince a "golden button" for his services in boosting Holland's sales abroad and the Dutch tricolour flag was hung in the streets as usual to mark his 66th birthday.

His return to favour was helped by the speed with which the Lockheed scandal vanished from public debate after the traumatic disclosures of last summer.

The skill of Prime Minister Joop den Uyl in handling what could have been a major con-

stitutional crisis without humiliating the immensely popular queen brought the affair to a swift end.

Though one or two left-wing newspapers and members of parliament tried to probe further into questions the inquiry left unanswered, there was no public support.

Long before the May 25 general election, Bernhard and Lockheed had ceased to be an issue. Politicians and the public turned with relief to other topics.

The prince's international image has been slower to recover and many of the circles of wealth and influence in which he once moved so easily are now closed.

Two international organisations he once headed are now managing without him, the World Wildlife Fund and the annual Bilderberg Conferences of politicians and business leaders.

The Dutch remember Prince Bernhard's services to his adopted country, especially as commander of the Free Dutch Forces in World War II and a travelling salesman for Dutch industry in the years afterwards. But in other parts of Europe his name tends to evoke the word "Lockheed" alone.

Inside Holland, the royal house as a whole has absorbed the shock of the prince's fall from grace.

Queen Juliana, now 68, is more woular than ever and polls show only six per cent

of the population want to do away with the monarchy.

All rumours of an imminent abdication in favour of Crown Princess Beatrix, 39, have been stilled for the time being.

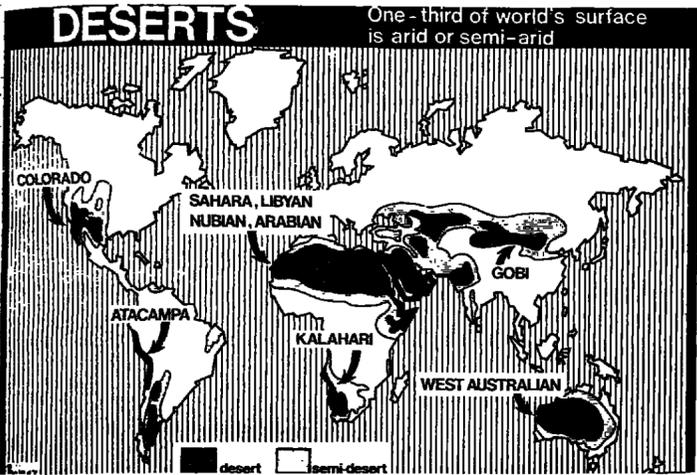
The queen is as fit as a fiddle, says royal spokesman. The general expectation is that Queen Juliana will follow the example of her formidable mother Queen Wilhelmina and abdicate eventually, but not for a few years.

Princess Beatrix and her husband, German-born Prince Claus, 51, have overcome public hostility to their marriage 11 years ago, which was based on Claus's wartime service in the German army.

The princess and her husband direct their interests into fresh areas, notably overseas development aid and civic planning and environmental problems.

The image of the royal family has also been helped by the queen's photogenic grandchildren, now increased to a round dozen by the birth on June 17 of a son to Princess Christina, the youngest of her four daughters.

Meanwhile, people who try to guess how long it will be before Beatrix becomes queen have some new clues to go on. Extensive renovation work expected to last several years has started on two neglected royal palaces in the Hague, both of them intended for the use of the next monarch when she ascends the throne.



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# Federal report accuses NYC Mayor Beame of misleading investors

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (R). — New York Mayor Abraham Beame fought for his political life today after a federal Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) report charged him with knowingly misleading the people of New York about the condition of city finances.

The report also condemned major American banks, stockbrokers and investment services for withholding vital information from investors.

As a result, it said, the liquidity of major U.S. banks had been threatened and the nation's securities markets undermined. But the report's severest censure was for 71-year-old Mayor Beame and other city officials, who it said had "misled public investors in the offer, sale and distribution of billions of dollars of the city's municipal securities."

The London-born mayor last night denounced the report as "a shameful, vicious political

document." He claimed its appearance was timed to wreck his chances of re-appointment as Democratic mayoral candidate in the primary election in 12 days time.

The SEC oversees and regulates public issue and sale of corporate and government securities.

Its inquiry was begun early last year, as a result of New York's near-bankruptcy in late 1974 and early 1975.

The report said that while the city stood on the brink of financial collapse, about \$4 billion worth of short-term securities were sold to thousands of small investors. At one point securities were even offered in smaller denominations to invite broader participation.

It said that to make the books appear to balance, city officials budgeted on the basis of 100 per cent collection of real estate taxes, "borrowed" revenues from succeeding ye-

ars and failed to fund pension liabilities properly.

The commission said it would consider what, if any, actions or legislative recommendations should be made.

The report now goes before three congressional committees, and it is expected to lead to a major overhaul of municipal financing in the United States.

## Portugal faces the facts of deepening foreign debt

LISBON, Aug. 27 (R). — Portuguese Finance Minister Henrique Medina Carreira last night told the nation to accept drastic cuts in the standard of living — or lose the guarantee of independence.

In a gloomy follow-up to Thursday's strict austerity package announced by Prime Minister Mario Soares, Dr. Medina Carreira said in a television debate that half of Portugal's vast gold holdings accumulated during nearly 50 years of right-wing dictatorship had been pledged against foreign loans since the April 1974 revolution.

"We cannot accept a deepening of our foreign debt without endangering our independence," he said.

The remaining 430 tons of unpledged gold was the guarantee of Portuguese independence and once that was used up Portugal would no longer be able to obtain any international credit, the minister said.

Exports were covering only 41 per cent of imports and Portugal was at present running

up a daily balance of payments deficit of \$96 million. As from October this would have to be reduced to \$42 million, the minister declared.

Portugal had been surviving on foreign loans since early last year, he said. Foreign change reserves equivalent to about \$1.2 billion dollars had been exhausted between the 1974 revolution and the beginning of 1976 and the country's foreign debt now totalled about \$4.4 billion.

Although productivity had increased by 7.5 per cent in the first six months of this year, it was only just returning to its 1974 level. There had been virtually no growth that year and productivity declined in 1975, he said.

The minister listed as causes of the financial crisis the turmoil of the revolutionary period, the demobilisation of 150,000 men after the end of colonial rule and the return of nearly 800,000 refugees from the former African colonies, all coupled with general world economic problems.

## Flights carry on despite Britain's airport strike

LONDON, Aug. 27 (R). — Britain's major airports were today far from the chaos predicted by striking air traffic control assistants and airlines called on passengers not to cancel their plans to fly.

The strike, which entered its second day today, has had less effect than expected with most airlines getting about two thirds of their normal departures off the ground some after delays.

Pilots have been talking directly to air traffic controllers to arrange flight plans, bypassing the work usually done by the 850 assistants. Their union alleged this meant some safety checks were avoided but the Civil Aviation Authority denied this.

A British Airways spokesman said publicity about the strike, and the men's previous go-slow, had kept passengers away. "We've got empty seats and we just wish they would turn up at the airport," he said.

The spokesman said passengers booked on package tours left as planned but many people who planned their own holidays using scheduled flights stayed at home or made for channel ferries.

The assistants' strike, and the previous go-slow which ironically left airports in a greater state of chaos, is aimed at pressing demands for implementation of a two-year-old pay deal. The agreement, which gives average 17 per cent rises, has been held up by government pay restraint policy.

## Concorde foes make last ditch stand

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (R). — A last ditch effort to stop Concorde from landing here begins in earnest on Monday.

At stake are British and French hopes that at long last their \$3 billion supersonic airliner can finally make some money.

Both countries say they need landing rights at New York's Kennedy Airport before they can ever hope to make a profit on a project whose costs have increased at a rate of speed equal to a supersonic takeoff.

The owners of the airport, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, on Friday asked a federal appeals court to stay a lower court ruling ordering it to lift by Tuesday its "temporary" 17-month long ban on the aircraft. The appeals court decision is expected this week.

The authority wants the second circuit court of appeals to grant it an appeal against federal district court Judge Milton Pollack's directive but before the appeal can be heard, Judge Pollack's ruling must be stayed to prevent Concorde from landing here.

The British and French are going into court optimistic they will have Concorde flying in and out of New York by the autumn. But all parties in the case expect it to go eventually to the Supreme Court for final judgement.

## Ras Al Khaimah expects to start commercial oil production in 1978

RAS AL KHAIMAH, Aug. 27 (R). — Commercial oil production at the rate of 6,500 barrels a day was expected to start early next year in this previously oil-dry state of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), officials said here today.

This was possible after oil started flowing at the rate of 2,500 barrels a day from a second offshore oil well in a concession area controlled by the Ras Al Khaimah government and a consortium of oil companies from West Germany, Italy, the United States, Canada and Australia, they said.

The officials said large reserves of associated gas were also discovered in the recently opened well and 17 million cubic feet of gas a day were expected to be produced.

A well producing 4,000 barrels a day was discovered late last year and both wells are producing high quality crude oil of 44 degrees A.P.I. (American Petroleum Institute gravity counter), the officials added.

The concession is operated by a West German company, DST, one of a group of 11 companies forming the consortium with the Ras Al Khaimah government.

## Workers' revolt forces abandonment of British Leyland pay strike

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 27 (R). — About 1,500 enraged British car workers chanting "We want to work" today forced union chiefs to abandon a planned pay strike due to start last night.

The men left their benches at British Leyland's giant Longbridge car assembly plant here and marched through the factory in an angry impromptu demonstration — scenes almost unheard of in England.

They marched on the offices of Derek Robinson, the senior shop-floor union officer.

Mr. Robinson decided to cancel orders to start a strike of 20,000 men at the plant at 17:00 local time last night, but insisted there was still a 2-1 majority in favour of strike action.

The strike was aimed at getting the state owned British Leyland to talk about a 47 per cent pay claim.

Since the firm was saved from collapse with a £2,800 million government cash injection

in April 1975 there have been 700 disputes and 10 major strikes.

The sudden, totally unexpected workers' revolt was heady news for the embattled Labour government.

The claim by a section of the powerful car workers represents the sternest challenge to date to the third year of its pay restraint policy.

Under this the government is appealing to industry to hold wage rises down below 10 per cent. But Prime Minister James Callaghan already has a four-day pay strike by air traffic control assistants on his hands and other sectors of the work force are putting in big pay rises.

The management of state-owned British Leyland were also heartened by the rare preparedness of car workers to demonstrate to go on working.

The firm, the only British-owned of the country's major car producers, has a poor st-

rike record and last month won only 30 per cent of the domestic market while imported foreign cars took 40 per cent.

## Japan seeks six airborne early warning planes

TOKYO, Aug. 27 (AFP). — Japan has decided to purchase six E-2C airborne early warning (AEW) planes from Grumman Corp. of the United States in fiscal 1979 (April 1978-March 1980), air force Chief of Staff Akira Hirano said yesterday.

He said that the E-2Cs would be stationed in Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, to counter possible low-altitude intrusions into Japanese air space.

He estimated the cost of an E-2C Hawk Eye plane at about 8 billion yen (\$29.3 million).

The MIG-25 incident in September last year revealed gaps in Japan's early warning and air surveillance systems. A defector Soviet pilot flew his supersonic MIG-25 to Makodeta, Hokkaido, last Sept. 6 from Siberia, evading radar beams from Japanese ground radar sites by flying low.

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

**U.S. oil imports rise**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AFP). — United States oil consumption is well above last year's level, latest Federal Energy Board figures showed here. In the month to mid-August, consumption averaged 17,900,000 barrels a day or 13.7 per cent up the same period last year. The board's statistics show that most of the increase is due to demand from electricity companies. Imports accounted for 48 per cent of consumption.

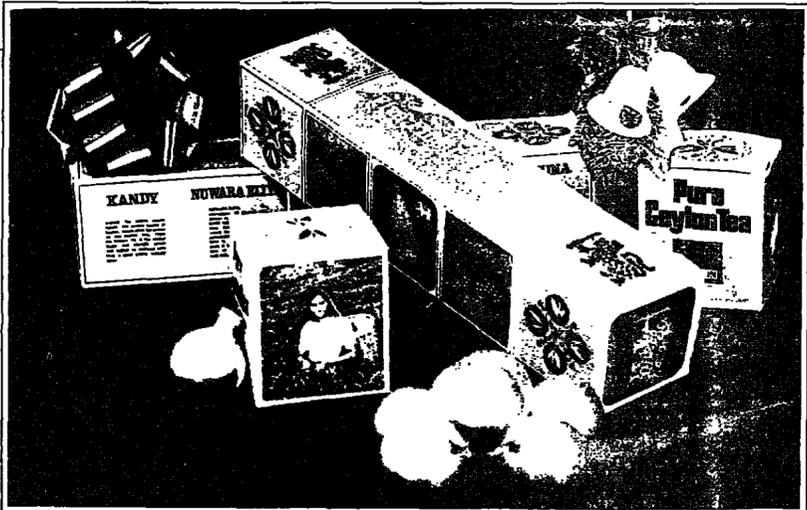
**Fiat plans six new car models**  
TURIN, Aug. 27 (R). — Italy's Fiat Motor Company is planning to produce six new car models over the next four years including one next year. Board Chairman Giovanni Agnelli said yesterday. Fiat will also launch a motorised caravan next month in a bid to break into the expanding leisure market and also plans to produce diesel engines for some cars now being produced. The first new model will be the 138, in the same range as Fiat's medium-size 128, Signor Agnelli said. Each new model costs at least £160 million to launch, he added. The board chairman said car sales in Italy were weak but Fiat's foreign sales were expanding, meaning the company would run a substantial profit in 1977 as it did last year.

**Sweden may devalue kroner**  
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 27 (AFP). — Speculation mounted here today that the Swedish kroner would be devalued again this week, the newspaper Aftonbladet reported. Officials of the central bank were expected to meet today or tomorrow to decide on a devaluation of up to 15 per cent, the paper said. The krona, hard hit by continuing economic difficulties in Sweden plus international business doldrums, has been devalued twice in the past 12 months. In April, it was knocked down an average six per cent against most major currencies.

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U.K. sterling	573.00/577.00	
U.S. dollar	329.00/331.00	
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## The Sunday Crossword

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By A.J. Santora

### MENAGERIE

- ACROSS
- 1 — by (comply) 43 Pleasant
  - 6 Favor
  - 10 Wrathful
  - 15 Small
  - 20 Baltic port
  - 21 — Solomnis
  - 22 Of ships
  - 23 Slow, in music
  - 24 Bull
  - 25 Dog
  - 28 French article
  - 29 Belt
  - 30 Isolates
  - 32 Muff or plug
  - 33 Give — try
  - 34 — one!
  - 36 " — loves me not"
  - 37 Thieves
  - 39 Sheriffs
  - 41 Child care helper, at times

- DOWN
- 12 Seadog's word
  - 13 Game-like lotto
  - 3 Ape
  - 4 Goddess: Lat.
  - 5 Pipe fittings
  - 8 Musical instrument
  - 7 Superlative suffix
  - 8 Away from
  - 9 Pork fat
  - 10 How Dumas wrote
  - 11 Seldom

### Diagram

- ACROSS
- 1 Small dog
  - 4 Corn bread
  - 5 Fountain
  - 6 Lyric poems
  - 10 Heroism
  - 11 Remarkable one of
  - 12 Soviet city
  - 17 Illuminating device
  - 18 Calling
  - 21 Long scarves

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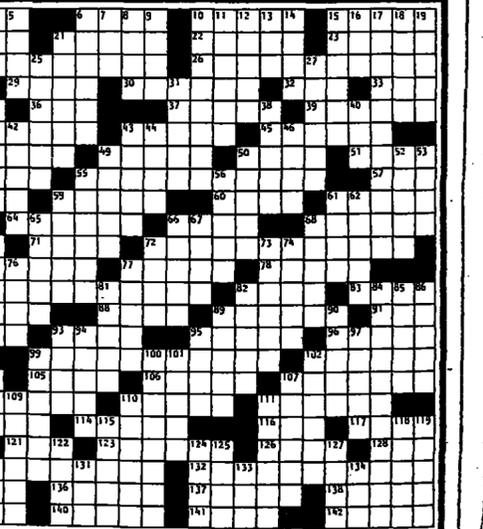
### MENAGERIE

- ACROSS
- 110 Ornate
  - 111 Money slip
  - 112 Printer's camp
  - 114 Assemblage of novelties
  - 116 Yale man
  - 117 Field or angel
  - 120 Cake or meal
  - 121 Mystery
  - 122 Aginet
  - 123 Roram and others
  - 128 Before
  - 129 Wolf
  - 132 Elk
  - 133 Nonsense: sl.
  - 134 Tea off
  - 137 El
  - 138 Dull finish
  - 139 Actress
  - 140 Eyed, in a way
  - 141 Blue dye
  - 142 Preface

- DOWN
- 56 Reflection
  - 59 Belief
  - 61 Sals
  - 62 Rugged ridge
  - 65 Jordanians
  - 66 Chimney pipes
  - 67 Singer
  - 68 Club
  - 69 — undr Drang
  - 70 — (they are) Fr.
  - 71 — March (subdued)
  - 74 Percussive
  - 76 Hitters' stats

### Diagram

- ACROSS
- 37 In favor of
  - 38 Small song-bird
  - 39 Behave
  - 40 Rocky peak
  - 41 Jewel
  - 42 External appearance
  - 43 Unwritten
  - 44 Braided
  - 45 Old Roman tunic
  - 46 Silent
  - 47 Arden
  - 48 Biblical patriarch



- DOWN
- 77 Bib. mount
  - 78 "Rain" date?
  - 80 Pony
  - 81 Gapper
  - 82 — down (subdued)
  - 84 Bear
  - 85 In unison
  - 86 Shoestrings
  - 87 Metal fastener
  - 89 Bulging bottle
  - 93 Extinct birds
  - 94 Exudes
  - 95 Lobster
  - 97 Fragrance
  - 98 Bulging bottle
  - 100 Detested
  - 102 Gallop
  - 104 Kind of soil
  - 107 Alone
  - 108 Tropical fruit
  - 110 Cylinder
  - 111 Kind of hygiene
  - 112 College
  - 113 Resort lake
  - 115 Month, in Paris
  - 118 Gr. island
  - 119 Women's quarters
  - 122 Taro root
  - 124 West Point
  - 125 Early
  - 127 Corn mush
  - 130 Ranted
  - 131 Work unit
  - 133 Cal. day
  - 134 Sea dog

### CRYPTOGRAMS

- Y S MYR KN SXX RLBN SX VDT MUNE  
Z L ZLGN GBOW XROVEDNO SUN OWT.  
—By Roba Don
- LIO ZIOLX ROZI TCBI UI C MIKWOT BM  
NICKLE. ERN QWIX ECBI ZECOTIQI.  
—By Barbara J. Burt
- PIL XYEPT ULHSACLLH UEHZZL XUECPLE  
O HSOREYH PSCOE EY ILC ROYAT YEEHLL  
—By India M. Spert
- XTOLMSP YELP REXPTOKWA IK I. AMIT)  
UR KMUN SEUNYW.  
—By Charles Emsw

- Last Week's Cryptograms
- Health club need by mad muscular ladies for loss of their frailty.
  - Phenomenon deluded us; ade "up to" means "less than."
  - Purple petunias passed for blue in crowded patriotic flower beds.
  - Kid racer wins in sweep on poor dirt track.

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# Your Daily HOROSCOPE

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** The Full Moon brings considerable activity in getting into the various details of everyday living, work problems and solving them quickly so that you are no longer obsessed with them. You also can improve health and physical well-being generally by paying some special attention to it.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Rid yourself of whatever has been bothersome and boring and then you can get into something very constructive. Solve problems with fellow workers, also. Relax.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Ideal time for getting into some kind of light entertainment that relieves tensions and makes you feel better. First, get appearance improved.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Be practical in the handling of some business or career matters of importance. Add to present security you now enjoy. Stop procrastinating and work efficiently, intelligently.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** You have fine ideas for advancement and should put them in operation quickly, since you can gain many benefits. Make new friends who can be helpful to you in the future.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Get into practical activities and make big progress now, add much to present abundance. Talk over monetary position with an expert and get good advice you need.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** You can get much accomplished now because of the Full Moon, so get busy early and work consistently. Being with admirers is good, since they can be of great help to you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Tune in on the highest consciousness of which you are capable and plan to live your life accordingly in the future. Visit with persons who inspire you. Show mate depth of affection.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Do those things that please your mate early and then get together with good friends for entertainment. Do not spend unwisely.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Being with good friends and showing affection is good way to spend the time now. Study new activities and find your rightful place in them. Take no chances in driving now.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Go after those new goals that can bring you greater success and happiness in the future. Live according to your highest precepts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Take time to do something thoughtful for those who have been good to you and keep them as fine supporters. You have to be bold in handling problems if you are to solve them wisely.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Join with associates and find better ways and means of progressing in the future. Situations arise that can bring you fine opportunities. Avoid one who is jealous of you and could do you harm.

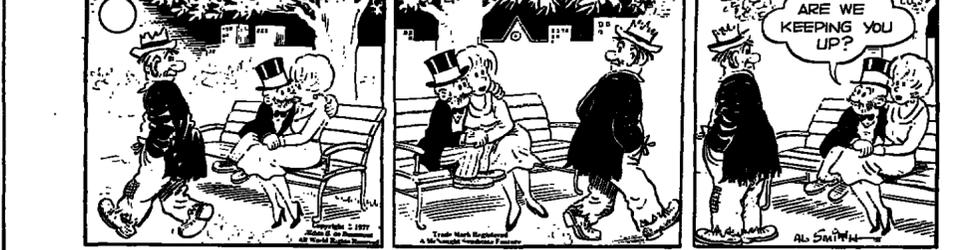
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Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow; never underestimate the power of small beginnings.

# GORED BRIDGE

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### ASK OMAR

Q.—Every now and then, you use the phrase "giving count" when describing a hand. How do you give count, and why is it important?—J. Donaldson, Seattle, Wash.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—Giving count is simply a method of conveying to your partner the number of cards you hold in the suit that is led. To show an even number of cards, you play a high card on the first round of the suit and follow with a lower card on the second. With an odd number of cards, you follow up the line.

There are many situations where partner will have to know whether you hold an even or an odd number of cards in a specific suit if he is to defend properly. In one of the simplest applications of the principle of this theory consider this position:

Dummy K Q J 10 7

You ♠ A K 7 4 3

After an erratic auction, the opponents land in six spades and you lead the king of hearts. Dummy appears with three to the queen, and partner follows the trick to defeat the contract. It is safe to cash the ace of hearts, or does partner have four cards in the suit, in which case a heart continuation will be ruffed and dummy's queen will be established for a discard.

If you do not give count, you have an insoluble problem. If you do give count, however, you know it is 100 per cent safe to cash the ace. By following to the king with his lowest card, partner shows an odd number of hearts. If he has five cards in the suit, declarer is about to ruff the opening lead. And it makes no difference whether partner started with one or three cards in the suit—in either case, declarer will have to follow to a

second round of hearts. However, had partner followed with the nine when you led the king, it would be dangerous to continue with the ace. Unless you were sure that declarer had at least three hearts and partner only two, it would be more reasonable to presume that partner had started with four cards in the suit and declarer only one. Therefore, it would be wise to look for the setting trick elsewhere.

Here is another case where it might be important to know how many cards partner holds:

Dummy K Q J 10 7

You A 8 3

Assume declarer is playing at no trump and dummy has no entry to this suit. Declarer leads the four, you correctly play low and partner follows with the deuce under dummy's ten. Now declarer leads the king from dummy, partner follows with the five and declarer plays the six. Do you win the ace or do you hold up?

Obviously, if declarer started with only two cards in the suit, holding up the ace will give declarer a trick he couldn't otherwise make. However, if you take the ace on the second round and declarer has three cards, you will allow him to score four tricks in the suit.

More often than not, defenders rely on the principle of lesser risk and allow declarer to win two tricks in the suit. However, if you give count, this is unnecessary. By playing up the line, partner is showing an odd number of cards in the suit—it has to be three cards. Therefore, declarer holds only a doubleton in the suit and you can afford to win the second trick.

Now let's assume that on the first round partner had played the five and followed with the two the next time. With his high signal partner is telling you that he has an even number of cards in the suit, and you know that it must be specifically two cards. Therefore, declarer has three cards in the suit, and if you win the ace this time, he will make four tricks in the suit. So you cleverly hold up one more time and limit him to two tricks in the suit.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EMARK

SWOHE

UNRATE

TRAPIE

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday's Jumbles: FETID LEAFY POLITE MODERN  
Answer: They can be a riot—"A TRIO".

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Chestnut colored horses
- Harness parts
- Hindu deity of life
- Enrich
- Lever
- Endeavor
- Kwi
- Family member
- Antelope
- Young reporter
- Beautiful nymph

DOWN

- Prim
- Minister to horses
- Celestial body
- Ship channel
- English daisy
- West ahead
- Little one
- Small draught
- Reconcile
- Indicate
- Relative
- Cosmetic
- Lowest point
- Expend
- Overmote
- Insect egg
- Excellent
- Chance
- Historical periods
- Limited amount
- Place rubbed out
- Salt in chemistry
- Celebes or
- Including
- Prior to
- Retrospective
- Stake
- Ugly old woman
- Ear ache
- Weird
- Japanese family badge
- Dowry
- Ford
- Tenth comb form
- Approximately
- Willow
- Hide
- Girl's name
- Ever poetic
- Plant toothpick

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Concern voiced over secret files

Fire under control at U.S. Moscow Embassy

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (R). — Fire ravaged the U.S. Embassy here for nearly 12 hours during the night and early hours of today, and the Americans voiced alarm over their secret files and communications equipment as scores of Soviet firemen rushed into the building.

Spain supports Maltese policy on Mediterranean

MADRID, Aug. 27 (R). — Spain today came out with backing for Malta's policy of neutrality and promoting cooperation among Mediterranean countries. A joint communiqué at the end of a three-day visit by Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff said he held talks with Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez and other Spanish officials on bilateral cooperation and problems of peace and security in the Mediterranean.

was said by people at the scene to have ordered firemen barred from top security areas -- like the communications room and defence attache's office -- even if it meant letting them burn.

"As far as we know the security situation has not been compromised," an embassy spokesman said after weary firefighters reported that the blaze was quelled.

The embassy was being re-wired for a change of voltage and Ambassador Toon speculated it was "an electrical fault that started the fire."

The blaze gutted floor eight of the 10-storey embassy and damaged the ninth, where Mr. Toon has his office. Then the flames seemed to leap the 10th floor to consume the attic and bring down the roof.

The only known casualty was a U.S. marine guard briefly overcome by smoke. Families in the embassy's 40 apartments were safely evacuated.

The Russians ordered more than 20 fire engines to the scene.

Most had pulled out around mid-day but "damping down" continued with firemen ripping up floorboards to direct water between floors to stop any smouldering.

"I think there's still some smouldering and it'll take a while to kick the embers out," an embassy official said.

Tass news agency broke silence on the fire around noon to report that "it was extinguished by the efforts of Moscow's firemen and the embassy staff."

A U.S. spokesman said staff would be able to keep the embassy functioning, using the undamaged ground floor of the ochre-coloured building on central Moscow's inner ring road, and nearby U.S. commercial offices.

An embassy official told reporters the communications room was sealed soon after the fire began, but the combination lock had melted in the heat.

He said all secret documents were routinely locked in safes capable of withstanding several hours of intense heat, but after over nine hours of the fire it was not certain that they had survived.

"We're taking all appropriate steps," Mr. Toon told newsmen when asked about the security hazard.

The upper floors of the embassy are kept under permanent guard -- the first seven floors are mainly residential -- and not even American visitors are allowed in unaccompanied.

The eighth storey which took the brunt of the fire damage, is divided into offices for diplomats specialising in economics, agriculture, and the press.

Early on, the embassy's 10 marine guards tried to tackle the fire without Soviet help.

The task was beyond them. Soon a pall of smoke hung over the building, while flames licked from windows on the eighth floor.

A crowd of several hundred onlookers collected in the street below, and drivers on the city ring-road in front of the embassy stopped to watch.



MOBBED -- Mr. Sanjay Gandhi, 30, son of India's former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (centre, dressed in white), tries to get into court in New Delhi on Friday as his supporters make way for him through the throng of a mob of hecklers waiting to see him and to shake out abuse at him. Mr. Gandhi is facing charges of misuse of authority. He was given bail and was allowed not to appear at the next hearing on Sept. 29. (AP wirephoto).

Carter okays strong anti-Soviet measures for U.S. armed forces

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R). — President Carter has issued a directive continuing a strong nuclear deterrent against a Soviet attack and improving the combat ability of American troops in Western Europe, administration officials said yesterday.

At the same time, the directive maintains the so-called balance of terror -- or nuclear equivalency -- by ruling out any suggestion that the United States should achieve nuclear superiority over the Soviet Union.

They said the directive called for American forces in Western Europe to improve their ability to respond quickly to an attack launched by the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies.

Clashes blamed on Bandaranaike

COLOMBO, Aug. 27 (R). — A senior government minister has blamed former Prime Minister Mrs. Srimavo Bandaranaike's Freedom Party for Sri Lanka's inter-communal clashes in which 60 people have died and more than 3,000 others been arrested.

in the northern Tamil town of Jaffna when the police fired on a hostile crowd and killed four people.

QUEBEC CITY, Aug. 27 (R). — Quebec's separatist government has forced through a bitterly contested law which endorses French as the only official language in the province.

Indian officials suggest an organisation of Asian states

NEW DELHI, Aug. 27 (AFP). — Indian envoys in east Asia and the Pacific have stressed the need for establishing an organisation in Asia similar to the Organisation of African Unity and the Organisation of American States, it was learned here yesterday.

Aussies stage anti-uranium demo

SYDNEY, Aug. 27 (R). — Police asked today for riot gear to face violent protests expected throughout Australia against the government's decision to end a four-year ban on uranium mining.

Genscher: No Nazi revival in W. Germany

BONN, Aug. 27 (R). — Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said yesterday there was no possibility of a Neo-Nazi revival in West Germany.

Soviet ideologist recognises other communist paths

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (AFP). — Mr. Konstantin Zarodov, one of the most rigid Soviet ideologists yesterday recognised the right of Western communist parties to adopt different paths to power and to modify the Soviet pattern of communism for their own needs.

"Leninist road" each party has the right to choose its method of struggle although he asked that they should take account of the experience and example of the Russian Revolution of 1917.

last year, after the 25th Soviet Communist Party Congress, by Mr. Vadim Zagladin, who recognised the right of communist parties to achieve power by their own methods.

Tito tells Kim Il Sung: Re-unification of Korea possible if Pyongyang joins non-aligned states

HONG KONG, Aug. 27 (AFP). — Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito, one of the founders of the non-aligned movement, said in Pyongyang Thursday that North Korea's participation in the movement would help the country reunify the Korean Peninsula peacefully.

Supreme Soviet to meet Oct. 4

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (AFP). — The Supreme Soviet (Parliament) has been summoned to meet in special session on Oct. 4 to study the new draft Soviet Constitution, Moscow Radio reported today.

French approved as official language by Quebec assembly

QUEBEC CITY, Aug. 27 (R). — Quebec's separatist government has forced through a bitterly contested law which endorses French as the only official language in the province.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Doubt thrown on ancestry of Caroline's fiance. MARSEILLES, France, Aug. 27 (AFP). — M. Philippe Junot, fiance of Princess Caroline of Monaco, is not heir to the title that he has claimed, the Duke of Arbanthes has charged.

Aug. 19 Indonesian quake toll up to 182. JAKARTA, Aug. 27 (AFP). — The death toll in the Aug. 19 earthquake in Indonesia was today put at 182.

Carter for women's equal rights. WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AFP). — President Jimmy Carter has linked equal rights for women with his campaign for human rights overall.

Team of Iraqi women on visit to China. BAGHDAD, Aug. 27 (AFP). — A delegation of Iraqi women left today for Peking to look into the place of women in Chinese society.

Archaeological discoveries in Upper Egypt. CAIRO, Aug. 27 (R). — A joint Egyptian-American archaeological team has discovered a set of Pharaonic relics on the eastern bank of the Nile at Luxor in Upper Egypt.

Rotterdam plans a floating brothel. ROTTERDAM, Aug. 27 (AFP). — Rotterdam is to have a floating 432-bed brothel as part of a "prostitution supermarket" being organised by the city authorities.

TENDER INVITATION FOR EXCAVATION WORKS. The Jordan Real Estate Establishment Co. Ltd. invites registered and specialised contractors at the Ministry of Public Works to bid for excavation work at their commercial centre in Amman located north of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel on the plot of land overlooking Prince Mohammad Street.

A Special Racing Festival. On the occasion of His Majesty's silver jubilee The Royal Racing Club is holding the fourth and last of its races for the silver jubilee. A race for the Jerusalem Cup and prize. Sunday, Aug. 28 at 3 p.m. at Marka.

Advertisement for a racing festival, including details about the Jerusalem Cup and prize, and the date and location of the races.

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